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SOUTH DAKOTA: South Dakota's September 1 corn production is forecast at 430.5 million bushels, down 5 percent from last month but still 42 percent above last year's drought reduced level. Yield is forecast at 105 bushels per acre, 5 bushels below the August forecast but 10 bushels above last year. Acres to be harvested for grain are forecast at 4.10 million, up 28 percent from last year's drought reduced acres.

Soybean production is forecast at 121.5 million bushels, down 17 percent from last month and 4 percent below last year. Yield, at 30 bushels per acre, is down 6 bushels from the previous forecast and 1 bushel from last year. Acres for harvest are forecast at 4.05 million, down 1 percent from last year.

Sorghum production is forecast at 7.8 million bushels, down 9 percent from last month's forecast but 155 percent above last year's drought reduced level. Yield, at 52 bushels per acre, is down 5 bushels from last month but is 18 bushels above last year. Grain sorghum harvested acres, forecast at 150,000, are up 67 percent from last year.

UNITED STATES: Corn production is forecast at 9.94 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last month but 10 percent above 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 138.5 bushels per acre, down 1.4 bushels from August but up 8.5 bushels from (Continued on Page 2)

CROP SUMMARY, SOUTH DAKOTA & UNITED STATES, SEPTEMBER 1, 2003

Crop	Acres Planted		Acres for		Unit of Pro- duction	Yield/Harvested		Production	
	2002	2003	2002	2003		2002	2003	2002	2003
	- - - - - Thousand Acres - - - - -					- - - - - Thousand - - - - -			
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Wheat, All	3,030	3,025	1,630	2,894	Bu.	25.9	NA	42,235	NA
Winter	1,300	1,600	625	1,520	Bu.	29.0	42.0	18,125	63,840
Durum	30	25	5	24	Bu.	22.0	NA	110	NA
Other Spring	1,700	1,400	1,000	1,350	Bu.	24.0	39.0	24,000	52,650
Corn, All	4,400	4,500	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	3,200	4,100	Bu.	95.0	105.0	304,000	430,500
Barley	80	85	45	75	Bu.	41.0	53.0	1,845	3,975
Oats	450	460	100	220	Bu.	45.0	67.0	4,500	14,740
Soybeans	4,250	4,100	4,090	4,050	Bu.	31.0	30.0	126,790	121,500
Sorghum, All	220	270	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum, Grain	--	--	90	150	Bu.	34.0	52.0	3,060	7,800
Hay, All	--	--	4,000	4,500	Ton	1.20	1.82	4,800	8,190
Alfalfa	--	--	2,400	2,600	Ton	1.40	2.20	3,360	5,720
Other	--	--	1,600	1,900	Ton	0.90	1.30	1,440	2,470
UNITED STATES									
Wheat, All	60,358	60,940	45,817	52,677	Bu.	35.3	43.5	1,616,441	2,291,825
Winter	41,735	44,349	29,651	36,491	Bu.	38.5	46.9	1,142,802	1,712,150
Durum	2,909	2,804	2,703	2,738	Bu.	29.4	31.9	79,450	87,355
Other Spring	15,714	13,787	13,463	13,448	Bu.	29.3	36.6	394,189	492,320
Corn, All	79,054	79,066	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Corn, Grain	--	--	69,313	71,815	Bu.	130.0	138.5	9,007,659	9,944,418
Barley	5,073	5,461	4,135	4,899	Bu.	54.9	57.5	226,873	281,475
Oats	5,005	4,676	2,098	2,331	Bu.	56.8	64.9	119,132	151,345
Soybeans	73,758	73,653	72,160	72,626	Bu.	37.8	36.4	2,729,709	2,642,644
Sorghum, All	9,580	9,777	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Sorghum, Grain	--	--	7,299	8,041	Bu.	50.7	51.0	369,758	410,145
Hay, All	--	--	64,497	64,379	Ton	2.34	2.49	150,962	160,018
Alfalfa	--	--	23,135	23,541	Ton	3.19	3.31	73,824	77,952
Other	--	--	41,362	40,838	Ton	1.86	2.01	77,138	82,066

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last year. Farmers expect to harvest 71.8 million acres of corn for grain, down 100,000 acres from August but up 4 percent from 2002.

Soybean production is forecast at 2.64 billion bushels, down 8 percent from the August forecast and 3 percent below 2002. Based on conditions as of September 1, yields are expected to average 36.4 bushels per acre, down 3.0 bushels from August. If realized, this would be

the lowest production since 1996. Acreage for harvest is forecast at 72.6 million acres, unchanged from last month but up slightly from 2002.

Sorghum: Production is forecast at 410 million bushels, down 9 percent from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Based on September 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 51.0 bushels per acre, down 3.4 bushels from August but up 0.3 bushel from last year.

TURKEYS

The preliminary estimate of turkeys raised in the United States during 2003 is 269 million, down 1 percent from the number raised during 2002. The following six states are expected to account for about two-thirds of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2003. Minnesota, at 45.5 million birds, is expected to raise the largest number of any state, and shows a 3 percent increase from last year. North Carolina ranks second

with 45.0 million birds, down 1 percent from 2002. Missouri is in third place by producing 27.5 million birds, 8 percent more than a year ago. Arkansas growers expect to produce 24.0 million birds in 2003, down 19 percent from the previous year. Virginia, at 23.0 million birds is up 15 percent from 2002. California expects to raise 16.5 million turkeys, 7 percent less than a year earlier.

TURKEYS RAISED, SELECTED STATES, 2001, 2002, AND INTENTIONS TO RAISE 2003

State	2001	2002	Intentions 2003	2003 as % of 2002
	----- Thousand Head -----			Percent
Iowa	7,100	6,800	6,500	96
Minnesota	44,000	44,000	45,500	103
North Dakota	1,600	1,900	1,300	68
South Dakota	4,900	4,800	4,900	102
United States	272,059	272,429	269,200	99

U.S. & CANADIAN CATTLE

All cattle and calves in the United States and Canada combined totaled 119.6 million head on July 1, 2003, 1 percent below a year earlier. All cows and

heifers that have calved, at 48.7 million head, were down slightly from a year ago.

CATTLE & CALVES, NUMBER BY CLASS & CALF CROP, UNITED STATES & CANADA, JULY 1, 2001-2003 1/

Year	Cattle & Calves		Beef Cows		Milk Cows		All Other Cattle		Calf Crop 2/	
	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada	U.S.	Canada 3/
	----- Thousand Head -----									
2001	105,800	15,425	33,900	4,799	9,100	1,073	62,800	9,553	38,280	5,656
2002	105,100	15,436	33,750	4,822	9,150	1,072	62,200	9,543	38,193	5,757
2003	103,900	15,728	33,600	4,916	9,100	1,055	61,200	9,758	38,000	4,833

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding. 2/ Previous year. 3/ January-June calf crop for 2003 only.

Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service, USA, and Livestock and Animal Products Section, Statistics Canada

MONTHLY HOGS AND PIGS

The July 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 8.39 million head, was 3 percent below the previous year. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 943 thousand head, 3 percent below last year. The average pigs per litter for July increased to 8.90, compared to 8.89 last year.

The U.S. inventory of sows and gilts on August 1, 2003, was 5.75 million head, down 3 percent from August 1, 2002.

U.S. sows and gilts bred during July totaled 1.12 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year.

PRICES

UNITED STATES PRICES RECEIVED INDEX

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August was 108, based on 1990-92=100, up 3 points (2.9 percent) from the July index. Since last month both the All Crops Index and the Livestock and Products Index show increases. Higher prices for wheat, dairy, cattle, and lettuce more than offset lower prices for grapes, cantaloup, soybeans, and hogs. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of tobacco, cattle, grapes, and sweet corn more than offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, dairy, and broilers.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is 8 points (8.0 percent) above August 2002. Higher prices for cattle, broilers, hogs, and tomatoes more than offset lower prices for corn, wheat, hay, and turkeys.

TRENDS AFFECTING AGRICULTURE

Index	United States		
	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003
Prices Received Indexes	(1990-92=100%)		
All farm products	% 100	105*	108
All crops	% 113	109*	112
Food grains	% 114	98*	111
Feed grains & hay	% 110	102*	100
Oil bearing crops	% 99	104	99
All livestock & products	% 87	101*	105
Meat animals	% 84	101*	103
Dairy products	% 87	92*	100
Poultry & eggs	% 93	109	114
Prices Paid Index	% 124	127	127
Ratio 1/	% 81	83*	85
Crop Sector	% 126	130*	130
Livestock Sector	% 121	124	124

*Revised. 1/ (Received Index/Paid Index)

PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR COMMODITIES SOLD

Commodity and Unit		South Dakota			United States			
		August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	August 2002	July 2003	August 2003	Parity Price August
		1/	1/	2/	1/	1/	2/	August
----- Dollars -----								
All Wheat	Bu.	3.82	3.05	3.37	3.63	2.95	3.44	9.64
Winter	Bu.	3.93	2.88	3.30	3.63	2.89	3.39	--
Durum	Bu.	7/	7/	7/	3.54	3.85	3.74	--
Other spring	Bu.	3.78	3.33	3.48	3.66	3.29	3.51	--
Corn	Bu.	2.23	2.00	1.95	2.38	2.17	2.13	6.59
Oats	Bu.	1.79	1.31	1.39	1.67	1.47	1.42	4.12
Soybeans	Bu.	5.29	5.60	5.29	5.53	5.83	5.56	14.40
All Barley	Bu.	1.74	2.61	2.63	2.68	2.74	2.58	6.52
Feed	Bu.	1.74	1.96	6/	2.05	2.23	2.02	--
Malt	Bu.	6/	2.74	2.63	2.93	3.08	2.84	--
Sunflower	Cwt.	15.00	9.98	7.96	12.90	11.80	10.80	--
Flaxseed	Bu.	6/	6/	6/	5.27	6.38	5.15	11.90
Sorghum	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	4.21	3.63	3.75	11.10
All Hay	Ton	82.00	62.00	58.00	92.40	89.00	85.30	--
Alfalfa	Ton	86.00	62.00	60.00	101.00	92.70	91.00	--
Other	Ton	66.00	51.00	48.00	71.30	77.80	69.10	--
Milk, wholesale	Cwt.	3/	3/	3/	11.30	12.00	13.00	33.40
Eggs, market	Doz.	3/	3/	3/	0.436	0.524	0.669	1.58
Cattle 4/	Cwt.	64.50	72.10	75.80	64.40	75.80	78.50	160.00
Steers & heifers	Cwt.	69.60	79.90	81.30	67.30	78.80	81.70	--
Cows	Cwt.	37.50	48.80	47.00	36.40	44.90	44.80	--
Calves	Cwt.	96.00	107.00	107.00	94.90	103.00	105.00	215.00
All hogs	Cwt.	34.60	44.30	41.60	31.90	42.80	41.10	102.00
Barrows & gilts	Cwt.	36.80	46.30	43.00	32.60	43.20	41.60	--
Sows	Cwt.	21.10	33.20	33.00	19.00	33.40	33.00	--
Sheep	Cwt.	23.60	26.00	5/	25.60	28.60	5/	78.80
Lambs	Cwt.	75.90	92.00	5/	75.30	89.40	5/	185.00

1/ Full month except hay which is mid-month. 2/ Mid-month. 3/ Annual average price only. 4/ "Cows" and "Steers & Heifers" combined. 5/ Mid-month prices discontinued January 1996. 6/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 7/ Durum wheat discontinued September 2001 for South Dakota.

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COLD STORAGE

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE, UNITED STATES

Commodity	July 31, 2002	June 30, 2003	July 31, 2003	July 2003 as % of	
				July 2002	June 2003
	----- Thousand Pounds -----			----- Percent -----	
Butter	245,298	292,023	275,335	112	94
Cheese, total natural	833,578	799,736	809,085	97	101
Eggs, frozen	12,943	17,951	18,525	143	103
Fruits, frozen	1,016,044	753,959	936,693	92	124
Fruit juices, frozen	2,155,992	2,354,499	2,170,675	101	92
Meat, total red	912,606	842,487	820,493	90	97
Beef, total frozen	416,534	371,477	370,772	89	100
Pork, total frozen	472,184	455,012	433,581	92	95
Poultry, total frozen	1,582,593	1,378,343	1,392,326	88	101
Chicken	869,226	653,259	645,793	74	99
Turkey	706,194	718,212	742,188	105	103
Vegetables, total frozen	1,571,906	1,388,373	1,577,506	100	114
Potatoes, total frozen	1,106,585	1,181,788	1,125,838	102	95

SLAUGHTER

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, RED MEAT PRODUCTION, SOUTH DAKOTA AND UNITED STATES 1/

Kind	Unit	Slaughter			July 2003 as % of		January-July 2/		
		July	June	July	July	June	2002	2003	2003 as %
		----- Percent -----					Million Pounds Liveweight		Percent
SOUTH DAKOTA									
Cattle	1,000 Head	14.3	4/	4/	NA	NA	138.8	4/	NA
Hogs	1,000 Head	346.0	340.6	382.2	110	112	630.7	680.1	108
Sheep	1,000 Head	1.7	1.3	1.5	88	115	1.047	0.970	93
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	75.7	73.7	81.0	107	110	533.5	558.5	105
UNITED STATES									
Cattle	1,000 Head	3,187.7	3,248.6	3,285.3	103	101	25,760.9	25,959.2	101
Hogs	1,000 Head	8,068.3	7,747.4	8,101.9	100	105	15,019.2	15,086.5	100
Sheep	1,000 Head	259.0	228.9	239.2	92	105	256.2	229.0	89
Red Meat 3/	Million Lbs.	4,016.5	3,947.8	4,046.1	101	102	27,007.2	27,059.7	100

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter. 2/ Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data. 3/ Red Meat is based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. 4/ Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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